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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MEREDITH ATTWELL BAKER ANNOUNCING HER DEPARTURE FROM THE FCC

After seven years of public service, I sent a letter to President Obama this afternoon thanking him for the distinct honor of serving on the Federal Communications Commission and informing him of my intention to leave the Commission on June 3, 2011.

I am privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the country at a time of critical transformation in the telecommunications industry. The continued deployment of our broadband infrastructures will meaningfully impact the lives of all Americans. I am happy to have played a small part in this success.

I depart most proud of our collective efforts to focus on long-term comprehensive spectrum reform. It is the most important step we can take to ensure our nation's competitiveness in an increasingly interconnected world.

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to serve with such wonderful colleagues on the Commission. I thank them all for their commitment, resolve, and friendship. I also am deeply indebted to my personal staff for their expertise, dedication, and good humor.